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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Epstein et al.
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/718,833 EXAMINER : Jon Benjamin Ashen
FILING DATE : November 21, 2003 ART UNIT : 1635
FOR : MULTIVALENT APTAMER THERAPEUTICS WITH IMPROVED
PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES AND METHODS OF
MAKING AND USING THE SAME

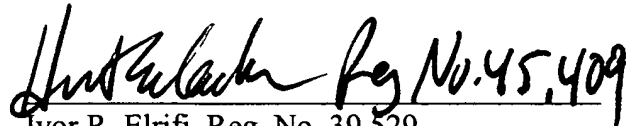
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2006. With the three-month extension, this paper is due on or before July 6, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, (Reference No. 23239-541).

Respectfully submitted,

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